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**Distinctive Railing Systems**



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Dear Honorable Members of Congress,

Many years ago Swope Park Industrial Area (SPIA) was built in a core area of Kansas City Missouri. The builders called SPIA "A Park within a Park" due to the serene setting next to the lazy Blue River that snakes through eastern Kansas City. Several key businesses located in the park including the original building for Marion Labs. Marion eventually moved and sold this building to Gasket Engineering. Gasket is an old line manufacturing business that makes components for wind turbine technology. Next door to Gasket is a manufacturing company that makes commercial waste disposers named Salvajor.

Little did either of these companies know that the southernmost part of the Blue River basin would turn into a collector system fed by blacktop and rooftops into every creek in Johnson County, Kansas. These creeks in the Blue River basin empty into the Blue River which inundated SPIA in 1990, flooding the entire park and both of these businesses.

Livers Bronze Co moved into SPIA in 1997 and along with four other businesses still enjoy the serene setting envisioned by the original builders.

We are the recipients of a problem we did not make and have been working tirelessly for over 20 years to fix it. The Swope flood control project is authorized in WRDA and partially constructed. We need additional Federal funding to keep the project moving because we know that "It will happen again". Without your help we will lose 400 jobs and a key manufacturing area in the core of Kansas City MO.

We also support our sponsor, the City of Kansas City MO and the efforts of MoArc who along with the Kansas City Industrial Council bring you the messaging of several well vetted local projects, including the Swope Project for which we are asking to modify the authorized total project cost to \$32,029,000.

SPIA is a very active high tech business park and we need your help to protect our business, employees and future of this unique business setting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Livers".

Richard Livers  
President  
Livers Bronze Co